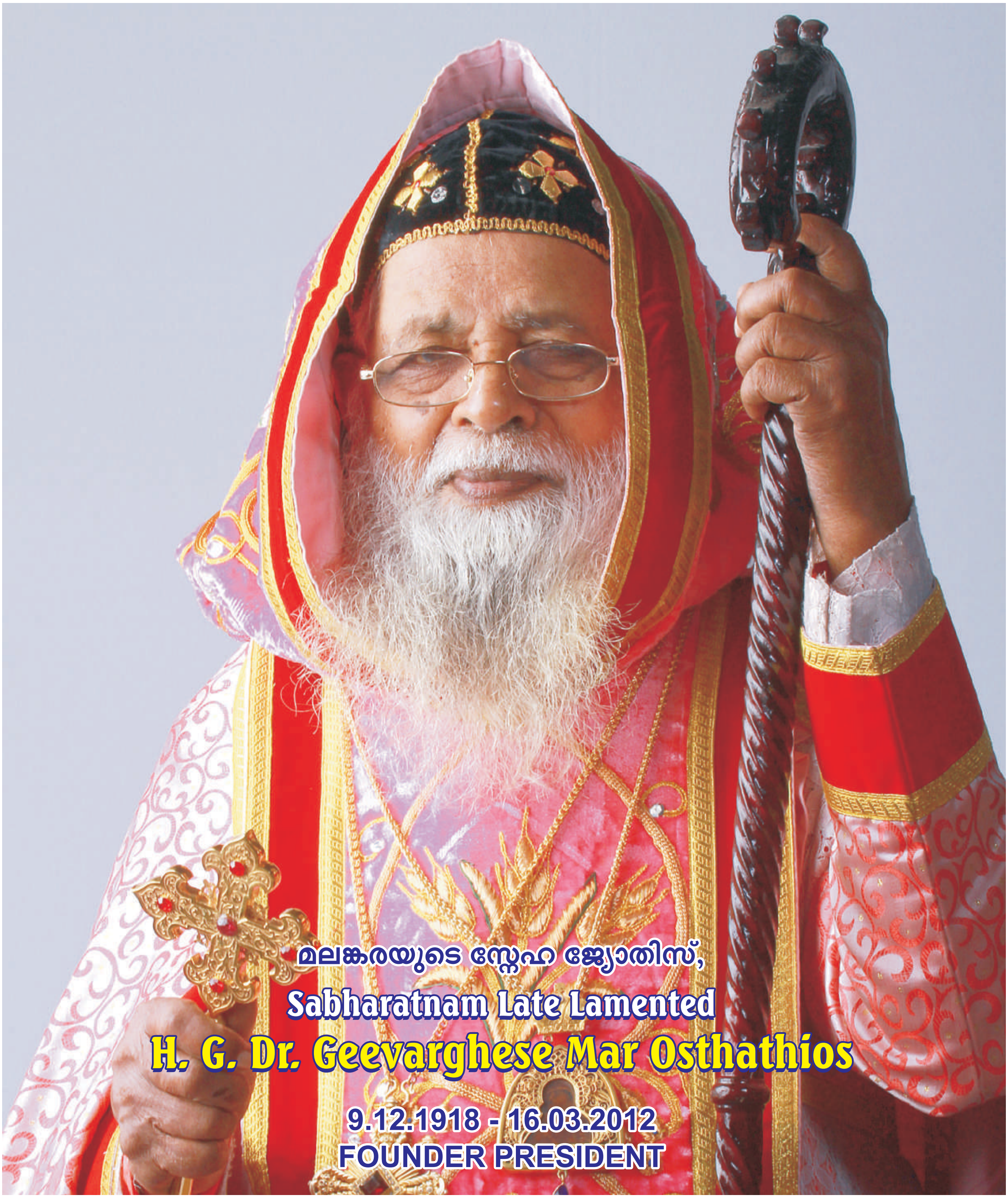
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Editorial

His Grace Dr Geevarghese Mar Osthathios, the faithful steward and the diligent shepherd of his flock, who is acclaimed as the bishop of the poor, was more a 'people-builder' than a 'church-builder'. He belongs to the illustrious line of great luminaries of Christendom, with deposits worth billions in the Book of God in heaven, whereas had nothing personal on this temporal world.

“He who bleeds for the poor, him I call a Mahathma”, these words of Swami Vivekananda are accomplished in Mar Osthathios, the tallest companion of the marginalized, whose life was sublime with insatiable concern and compassion for the suffering poor in alleviating their pain. Over 40 centres built and maintained all over India for the upliftment of the poor, destitutes, physically and mentally challenged, leprosy patients, HIV/AIDs afflicted, the aged and the abandoned, give testimony to the greatness of this chosen vessel of God.

Mar Osthathios' epoch-making statements were many that shook the conscience of every church member. Luxury was totally alien to his life. Pomp and show in the society as well as in the churches pained him much. He declared emphatically that wearing and holding a gold cross comes only after mitigating hunger and poverty among the millions around. “Nobody has the right to be called a Christian if not supported his co-humans in despair and desolation,” Mar Osthathios asserted.

His theology of universal love was the very essence of his life. He was an extraordinary visionary who connected theology to its practical applications – theology of a classless society, liberation from all bondages, social justice in action. This and similar concepts gave way to the activism in him which was unique, and he propounded it with unparalleled enthusiasm.

Lofty theoretical wisdom, theological scholastic attainments, ideas and ideologies born out of high learning, are all honorable achievements. But there are to be channeled into social action and thereby economic and cultural transformation, and above all, the spiritual upliftment of the society from evil and devilish hegemony. Otherwise, all the academic achievements, propositions and theologies end up as mere paper work and perhaps help only personal glorification. Here, Mar Osthathios stands different and outstanding among all. His absolute selfless service and activeness, drawing along the very extract of all theories and theologies, stand singular and emulative.

Mar Osthathios is undoubtedly one among the few gurus and saints ever produced by the land of Kerala. No doubt, he abundantly deserves to be declared as a saint of the Malankara Orthodox Church. St Gregorios Dayabhavan, the centre for the rehabilitation of the HIV/AIDS-afflicted, instituted by His Grace and run by the Mission Board, pays rich tribute to its founding father, and earnestly dedicates this Special Issue of “Daya-Darpan” to his memory today the 40th day of his departure to his Lord, Jesus Christ. Let his life be a role model and his intercessions a blessing and fortress for all of us.

M.S. George
Hon. Chief Editor, *Daya-Darpan*

Message from the President



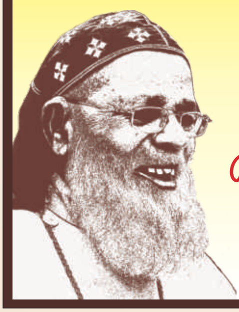
This is my first letter as the President of the Mission Board and its various institutions. Though I was appointed as the president by H.H The Catholicos by the recommendation of the Holy Episcopal Synod in 2011, I was inactive due to the charismatic leadership of our Valiya Thirumeni, H.G. Dr. Geevarghese Mar Osthathios Metropolitan. Since thirumeni has been called by God into His eternal abode I am compelled to execute my duties. My humble request to you all is not to compare me with Valiya Thirumeni, who was a world famous theologian, orator, writer, a social activist and a gracious spiritual father. His demise creates a vacuum, which nobody can fill. But trusting in the Lord I shall do my best to carry out his vision and mission. I am happy that the church has appointed H.G. Dr. Yuhanon Mar Thevodoros Metropolitan, another disciple of Valiya Thirumeni, as the co-president of the mission board. I recollect the meticulous service and support by Valiya Thirumeni's close associates V. Rev. K. I. Philip Remban, their continued leadership and support give added confidence and strength for the mission work. We expect all the beloved ones' kind and prayerful support to the Mission Board and all its activities as you have given to Valiya Thirumeni, in future too.

All of you know that Daya Bhavan was a dream project of Valiya Thirumeni. So it is our joint responsibility to make this venture a real success. Let me quote two exhortations of Valiya Thirumeni from his last kalpana: "remember the poor; we should pray and work for the food and shelter of everyone". We cannot neglect these golden words of the burning heart of the greatest missionary this ancient church has ever produced.

Steps have already been taken to start mission centres in Gujarat, Andamans, and, if possible, in South Africa too.

Blessed are the dead which die in The Lord from henceforth. That they may rest from their labours, for their works follow them. (Rev-14:13)

Yuhanon Mar Chrysostomos
Metropolitan



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St. Gregorios Dayabhavan

(A Project of Malankara Orthodox Church Mission Board)

OUR VISION

To ensure quality life of PLHIV and HIV affected children by extending care, support, education and rehabilitation in a holistic way.

OUR MISSION

Holistically extending Care & Support to PLHIV, thereby increasing their confidence to lead an independent and secure life.

OUR CORE VALUES

• Love •

• Compassion •

• Care •

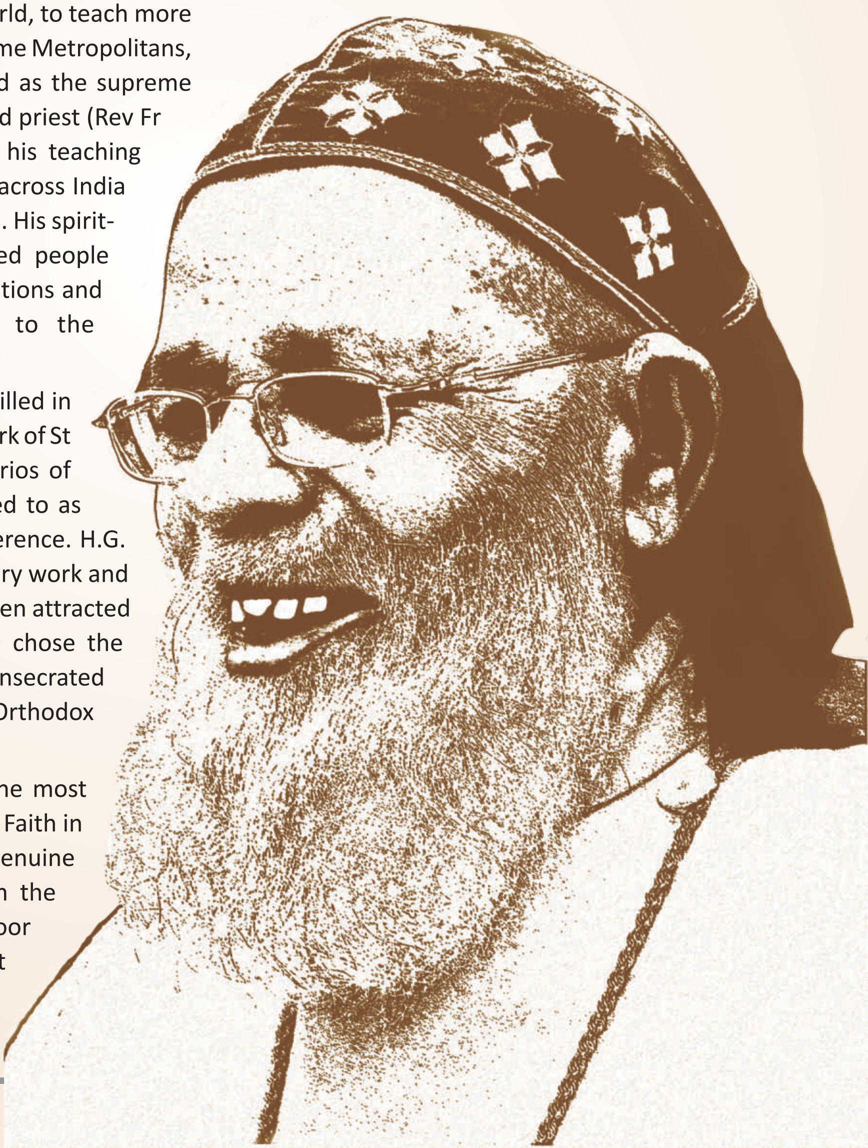
• Commitment •

Life of H.G. Geevarghese Mar Osthathios: A Pilgrim's Zeal for Zion

The great luminary of the Indian Orthodox Church, Sabharatnam H.G. Dr Geevarghese Mar Osthathios, like St Paul, carried his cross and followed his Master, Jesus Christ. He took pride in his humble beginning, and always remembered his parents with adoration, and their role in inculcating divine love and the basics of sharing. At the same time he recollects little Georgekutty's inability to continue his schooling due to financial constraints, and nobly and openly admits his failure in TTC examination. He submitted all his faculties including scarcities and failures to the Lord, and the loving Lord empowered and strengthened him to grow in wisdom and knowledge as the leading theologian of the contemporary world, to teach more than 1000 priests, 30 of whom became Metropolitans, and one among them was elevated as the supreme head of the Church. As a deacon and priest (Rev Fr M. V. George), simultaneous with his teaching ministry at the Seminary, travelled across India and abroad, propagating the Gospel. His spirit-filled and powerful words attracted people from all walks of life and denominations and they in large numbers flocked to the Convention venues.

The zeal for evangelization was filled in him mainly from the mission and work of St Paul and from the life of St Gregorios of Parumala, whom he always referred to as 'Kochu thirumeni' with utmost reverence. H.G. Pathrose Mar Osthathios's missionary work and struggle in uplifting the down-trodden attracted him so much that Fr M.V. George chose the name 'Osthathios' when he was consecrated as Metropolitan of the Indian Orthodox Church.

His assertive proclamation, "The most profound influence on my life is the Faith in the Holy Trinity", emphasizes that genuine love and social action derive from the Holy Trinity. His dedication for the poor and the least, through establishment of mission centres, institutions, humanitarian projects, are all expressions of the Love based in the Truine God. His selfless love for his fellowmen elevated him to the levels of the great Fathers of the Church – St Basil, St Gregory Nyssa, St Gregory Nazianz, and St Gregorios of Parumala. Mar Osthathios firmly believed that the Lord will call him to His eternal mansion once the race is finished and the mission accomplished. On 16th February 2012, at the age of 94, H.G. Mar Osthathios completed his earthly pilgrimage, and departed to receive the crown of righteousness. Like St Paul, he always upheld, the crown will be given: "Not me only but also to all who have loved His appearing".



Life and work - An outline biography

9 Dec 1918	Born to Mariamma and Kochitty in Munduvel family at Mavelikkara, Kerala
1941	Completed secondary education and teacher training at Mavelikkara
1941 - 1943	Teacher at B.H. High School, Mavelikkara
1943 - 1947	Commencement of formal theological education - BD student at Jabalpur Leonard Theological Seminary
1948 - 1951	M.A in Philosophy from Drew University, USA - Advanced studies in Theology and obtained STM degree from Union Theological Seminary, USA
1952	Joined the Faculty of Orthodox Theological Seminary, Kottayam
1953	A prolific preacher and eloquent mouth throughout Kerala and outside
1 April 1976	Metropolitan of the Diocese of Niranam
1993	Honorary Doctorate conferred by the Senate of Serampore
16 Feb 2005	30th Anniversary of the consecration as Bishop of the Orthodox Church.
27 Jan 2008	Honoured with “SABHARATNAM” by Malankara Orthodox Church
16 Feb 2012	Entered into “Heavenly Rest”

Discipleship through priestly orders

8 Aug 1948	Ordained as Deacon by H.G. Augen Mar Thimothios
10 May 1956	Ordained as priest (Rev. Fr. M.V George) by H.H. Baselios Geevarghese II
15 Feb 1975	Admitted to the order of Remban by H.G. Daniel Mar Philexinos
16 Feb 1975	Consecrated as Bishop by H.H. Baselios Augen I
1 April 1976	Appointed Metropolitan of the Diocese of Niranam and shepherded till 2005

Leadership and Offices held

Member, Faith and Order Commission of WCC
Member, Commission on World Mission and Evangelism
Member, Pro-Orient Foundation
President, Kerala Council of Churches
President, Bible Society of India - Kerala Auxiliary
Founder President, Orthodox Church Mission Board
President, Orthodox Youth Movement
President, Servants of the Cross
Vice Principal, Orthodox Theological Seminary, Kottayam

Books and Publications

[His Grace’s major works include 11 books in English and 40 in Malayalam]. A few are: • Theology of a Classless Society • Sharing God and a Sharing World • Sin of being Rich in a Poor World • One Religion of Love • Raksha Kristhuvil Mathramo • Njanghal Visvasikkunnu.

Institutions established - *Declaring Mar Osthathios' concern for the Least*

- Mission Board and Mission Society of the Malankara Orthodox Church
- **St. Paul's Mission Training Centre**, Mavelikara
- **St. Paul's Ashram and Balbhavan**, Puthuppady
- **St. Paul's Convent and Balika Bhavan**, Puthuppady
- **St. Gregorios Balagram**, Yacharam, AP (for male children of leprosy patients)
- **St. George Balikagram**, Dehu Road, Pune (for girl children of leprosy patients)
- **St. Paul's Balagram**, Ittarsi (home for male children of leprosy patients)
- **Kalahandi Development Project**, Orissa
  BMP Hospital * Bal Bhavan * Satellite Dispensaries
- **NAMS Sneha Sadan**, Bangalore (home for destitute children & Home for Aged)
- **St. Gregorios Daya Bhavan**, Kunigal, (for the Children of Aids Patients & Hospice)
- **St. Thomas Karunya Guidance Centre**, Thiruvananthapuram
- **Karunya Vishranthi Bhavan**, Thiruvananthapuram (care for the terminally ill)
- **MGDM Ashram and Children's Home**, Panayampala
- **Mar Dionysius Old Age Home**, Cheppadu
- **St. Thomas Mission Centre**, Children's Home, Coastal Mission, Harippadu
- **Bethanya Bhavan** (Old Age Home for Women)
- **Snehatheeram** (Centre for Mentally And Physically Handicapped)
- **Pratheeksha Counselling Centre**
- **Baselios Jubilee Centre and Convention Hall**, Thiruvalla
- **St. Thomas Mission Centre and Bal Bhavan**, Neyyattinkara

Projects and Movements aimed at ensuring continued service

- Sick Aid Foundation (SAF)
- Board for Child Welfare
- Save a Heart Foundation (SHF)
- Promoting Education for All Kids
- Save a Kidney Foundation (SKF)
- Marriage Aid Fund (MAF)
- Fund to aid Home for the (Loan Fund)
- Self Employment and Education (Homeless)

Programmes and Organizations for Evangelization

- ‘Sneha Sandesham' (mobile missionary unit)
- 'Doothan' (a quarterly publication)
- St Paul's and St Thomas' Missionary Organization
- National Association for Mission Studies (NAMS)
- Junior NAMS (Discussion Forum for students)
- Metropolitan Discretionary Fund





Snehanjali

20th February 2005

Bangalore had witnessed a massive and marvelous function to felicitate H.G. Gheevarghese Mar Osthathios on his 87th birthday and 50th year of mission board. His Grace celebrated Holy Qurbana at St. Mary's Orthodox Church, Jalahalli on Feb, 20, 2005 which was attended by a very large mass, showcasing their love and respect for Thirumeni. Later that afternoon, a public meeting was held at Kalathur Gardens, Jalahalli. Thirumeni was taken in a motorcade from Jalahalli church to the venue 6 km away was quite impressive. The well organized and well-attended meeting was presided over by our diocesan bishop, H.G. Dr. Yacoob Mar Irenios and addressed by other dignitaries and public figures. The speakers included Mr. J. Alexander IAS (Ex-Minister, Karnataka), Dr. D. Babu Paul IAS (Former Chief Secretary, Kerala State), Swami Vinaya Chaithanya (Director, Narayana Gurukulam, Bangalore), Rev. Dr. M.J. Joseph (Director, ECC) Rev. Dr. K.C. Abrham (Ex-Director, SATRI), Rev. Fr. Dr. John Panicker (Orthodox Seminary, Kottayam). Rev. Fr. Abraham Marrett Cor-Episcopa (General Convenor Organizing Committee) welcomed the gathering and Very Rev. Fr. Philip Remban (Director, Dayabhavan) delivered the vote of thanks.

A multimedia presentation on the mission board centres and other charitable institutions of Orthodox Church in India, with factual data and photographs was made on the occasion. A website on Dayabhavan (a home for the healthy children of AIDS patients) run by the Orthodox Mission Board was inaugurated on the occasion by H.G. Yakoob Mar Irenios.







സ്മരണാഞ്ജലി - 25th March 2012



The 40th day remembrance of late Lamented H.G. Dr Geevarghese Mar Osthathios was celebrated on 25th March 2012 at Snehasadan Bangalore, one of the 40 centres for the poor, sick and disabled established in the country by Mar Osthathios. The grand function has been organized by the Bangalore Diocese of the Orthodox church and the Bangalore Mission Board, and attended by a large crowd of Mar Osthathios adorers. The programme ended with a sumptuous memorial love - feast.

H. G. Dr. Abraham Mar Seraphim, Metropolitan of Bangalore Diocese, presided over the function. He said that Late Mar Osthathios has opened a new dimension to the practice of spirituality by going down to the lower strata of the society in service of the poor, unmindful of his high ecclesiastic position. Fr. Dr. Bijesh Philip, Principal of Nagpur Orthodox Seminary, delivered the keynote address.

Karnataka Christian Development Council Vice-president Mr. M.B. Derick, M.L.A, Kerala human rights Commission Chairman Justice J. B. Koshy, Very Rev. T. K. Thomas Cor-episcopa, secretary of Bangalore Diocese, Very Rev. K I. Philip Ramban Director of Mission Board, Rev Fr. Thomas C. Alexander, Vicar of Ebenezer Marthoma Church, Jalahalli, Bangalore I.P.A. Director, Mr. P. G. K. Nair, Master M. N. Kiran, of Dayabhavan, Kunigal, spoke on the occasion.



Mr. M. B. Derick unveiled the portrait of late Mar Osthathios, on the occasion. H. G. Dr. Abraham Mar Seraphim inaugurated the Kidney Foundation, proposed to be started in the name of late H. G. Dr. Geevarghese Mar Osthathios.

M.S George





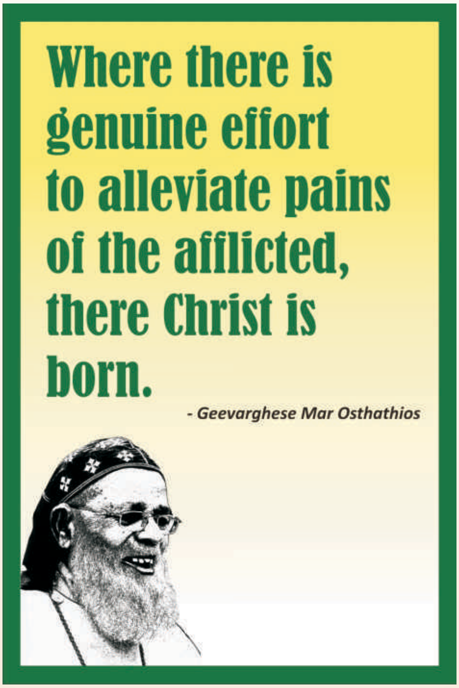
A Tribute to Mar Osthathios the Great,
a Charming Prophet of God of Modern Era

(Excerpts from the key note address given by Fr. Dr. Bijesh Philip on the occasion of the 40th Memorial Day observance of H.G. Geevarghese Mar Osthathios jointly organized by Mission Board and the Bangalore Diocese of Malankara Orthodox Church at Snehasadan, Bangalore on 25th, March 2012)

When the Orthodox Christian Community in Bangalore organized a similar meeting with the name *Snehanjali* to honour H.G. Geevarghese Mar Osthathios in 2005 he was present with us physically to bless us. But today in this *Smarananjali* to condole his demise forty days before and also to reflect on his life and tremendous contributions to the Church and the world, he is spiritually present with us to bless us.

Mar Osthathios' close associates like Very Rev. Philip Remban, H. G. Mar Chrysostomos and H. G. Mar Thevodoros can speak volumes about his life and contributions. Most of us have our own special experiences of Mar Osthathios. The first speech I heard from Mar Osthathios was thirty years back. It focused on the theme 'God, my exceeding joy' (Psalm 43:4) and instilled in me an unusual spiritual fervor and enthusiasm. It was also a blessing to be at the feet of this great Guru at the St. Paul's Mission Training Centre and later on at Orthodox Seminary Kottayam. I continue to be a student of him.

India, a land of religions and rich heritage of spirituality has produced spiritual giants like Sree Rama Krishna Paramahamsar, Swami Vivekanada, Mahatma Gandhi, Sree Narayana Guru.. Those who know Mar Osthathios may agree that H.G.'s name should also be included in this list of the blessed memory of spiritual Gurus who interpreted spiritual truths with a deep social commitment. They have proven that religion is still relevant in a secularized world and used it as a tool to sanctify their lives and to create a just and peaceful world.



Like late H.G. Paulos Mar Gregorios, Mar Osthathios was also a cosmic man who recommended beneficial healing measures for the infirmities of the world. While being committed to the holy Church, he maintained a deep commitment to the poor and the marginalized irrespective of their caste, creed and religion. Being filled with Divine love, he transcended all boundaries to be committed to the welfare of the whole human family and also the whole world. He emphasized the commonality of one God and the ethics of love in all religions to develop his vision of one religion of love. Faith which expresses through acts of love was central to his life and teachings. Various centers like *Dayabhavan*, *Shehasadan* etc in different parts of India are expressions of such a vision.

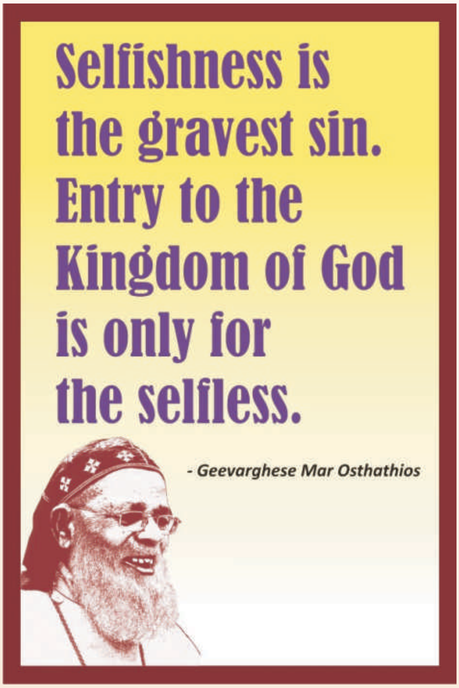
Osthathios Thirumeni was an amalgamation of different blends and a synthesis of different concerns which make his life a little mysterious even if his simplicity and accessibility were sweet experience to us. He skillfully synthesized preaching and teaching, spirituality and theology, prophetic spirit and charitable concern, personal affection and global concerns, social justice and philanthropy, life in history and in eternity.

Thirumeni used to fight without any compromise, against a common enemy of the world which is nothing but human selfishness. One of the core verses which serve as foundational to his theology is St. John 4:9, "God is Love". Orthodox Christian Understanding of God as an eternal Trinitarian community further encouraged him to think of love as the essence of God. Being created in His image, mankind should also be a loving and sharing community as the title of one of his books indicates *Sharing God Sharing World*. He interpreted inhumanity as atheism.

As a continuation of his teaching on love and sharing he condemned the craze for luxury. Luxury increases as faith declines. He laments that even if all religions teach simple life, in reality , wealth is accumulated in all religious centres. He was not able to tolerate the struggle especially of women to amass gold irrespective of its sky rocketing price while millions of people, especially in India-suffer

from poverty and hunger . His teaching seems to be a modern version of the teaching of the fourth century Christian fathers like St. Basil the Great and St. John Chrysostom. St. Basil depicts the greedy as robbers. “If we all took only what is necessary to satisfy our needs, giving the rest to those who lack, no one would be rich, no one would be poor, and no one would be in need.” These words of St. Basil the great gives a clear picture of the vision of socialism based on the teaching of our Lord. The dream of Mar Osthathios was for a world where everybody will have equal opportunities for education, food and medical facilities. He as taught to define the minimum and maximum of profit and distribute it accordingly. *Sin of being Rich in a Poor World*, the title of one of his books conveys this message brilliantly. When he had come to Bangalore to receive the *Snehanjali* offered by the Bangalore Orthodox Community, one of the questions from a reporter to him was regarding Benny Hinn the renowned preacher. To the amazement of many Christians, Thirumeni spontaneously criticized his luxurious life style and the prosperity gospel spread by preachers like him. At the same time he was willing to praise the sharing mentality of billionaires like Bill Gates for various welfare schemes of mankind.

Trinitarian theology in the writings of Mar Osthathios is like a thread which goes through all the pearls in a chain of pearls. He explains the classical Trinitarian theology and gives a practical application for this age old Orthodox Christian Doctrine. Theologians like Moltman, Leonardo Boff etc. have made an effort to reflect on the practical significance of the Holy Trinity. However one of the greatest theologians of the Holy Trinity in the modern period with a missiological orientation is none but Mar Osthathios. For him Holy Trinity is not merely to be worshipped but also to be emulated. The Holy Trinity is eternal love in action and is the highest example for a classless society and sharing world. This ultimate source of sharing and equality prepares a ground for a perfect community with equality, sharing and caring. H.G. Paulos Mar Gregorios developed his theology mainly based on the thoughts especially of the concept of man of St. Gregory of Nyssa, one of the Cappadocean fathers and Mar Osthathios developed his theology mainly based on the Trinitarian teaching of the Cappadocean fathers. As Swami Vivekanada gave a practical interpretation to the Advaita philosophy of Sri Sankara, Mar Osthathios and Mar Gregorios were trying to give a modern interpretation to the above mentioned ancient Christian writers after fourteen centuries to address today's challenges.



He was incapable of two things: **1.** He did not know how to hate those who hurt or humiliated him. **2.** He could not stop dreaming till the end of his life. *Theology of Socialism*, a book which he wrote when he was 92 years old is full of dreams concerning a just and peaceful world order. May he be an intercessor for our positive thinking and glorious dreams.

Can we heal our fever by just smashing the thermometer which shows high temperature? Prophets, inspired by the Spirit of God were trying to show us truths regarding this world, our own sinful selfishness and the nature of God whom we worship. But people don't like prophets very much. Let us go beyond just nominal lip service to this modern prophet of God and do something concretely to practice and popularize the ideals he upheld for the glory of the kingdom of God.

When we praise the glorious achievements and the love he extended to us, Thirumeni may be repeating one thing even from the other side of the curtain: “It is the Lord”. An abundant catch of fish opened the eyes of the apostles to see the cause of this and as a representative one of them proclaims this(St. John 21:7). Our beloved Thirumeni after serving the Lord for 94 years, continues to draw our attention to the Lord and Master who was empowering him.

H.H. Pope Shenouda who passed away a few days ago says in his *Experiences in Life*: “Talking about ideals is easy….. but living with ideals is not possible for all…. High ideals require a pure heart, a will and determination in the individuals to work for their sake and suffer in order to achieve them.” Mar Osthathios was an ideal bishop who lived with ideals. May his blessed memory be an inspiration for us to intensify our commitment to our Lord Jesus Christ for being effective instruments like this unique prophet.

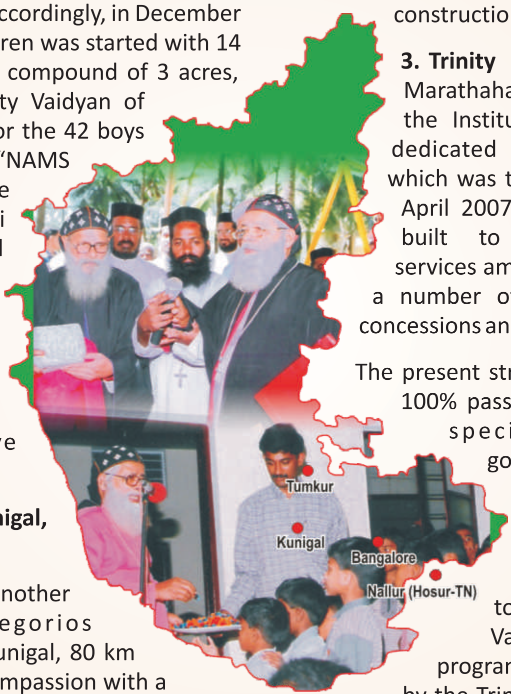
Karnataka – The flagstaff of the Malankara Orthodox Mission Board

At the 12th Annual National Convention of NAMS (National Association of Mission Studies) held at Bangalore in 1991, Late Lamented H.G. Dr. Geevarghese Mar Osthathios proposed a NAMS unit at Bangalore. Accordingly, a NAMS unit, as a registered body, was started on 20.10.1991. The new unit, as part of its action plan, organised Orthodox Convention for the members of our church in Bangalore for 12 years continuously and published a convention hymn book in 1993 which has gone through 6 editions with transliterated version.

1. NAMS Snehasadan, Jalahalli, Bangalore

In the retreat that followed the first convention Osthathios Thirumeni suggested that Bangalore NAMS unit should start a Balabhavan. Accordingly, in December 1994, a centre for destitute children was started with 14 children in an old house with a compound of 3 acres, donated by Mr. K K Mathukutty Vaidyan of Jalahalli. Later, a new building for the 42 boys was constructed and named as "NAMS Snehasadan". Further, an old age home was built as a 'Navathi Project' of His Grace and inaugurated on 24 January 2010.

A good number of children from Snehasadan have completed S.S.L.C, ITI training and got employment; they all have independently settled well in life.



2. St Gregorios Dayabhavan, Kunigal, Tumkur District

Osthathios Thirumeni, started another center by name "St. Gregorios Dayabhavan" in June 2003 at Kunigal, 80 km from Bangalore, as a home of compassion with a few children of HIV/AIDS patients. Today, the number has grown upto 48 healthy children of HIV/AIDS patients. A new building worth ₹45lakh was inaugurated on 20.11.2005 with facilities for 50 children, office, library, conference hall and chapel.

- A **Care and support centre** for the people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA) was inaugurated on 20-11-2005 and now the same is a 40 beds facility catering to thousands of people every year. The centre was declared as a A Grade facility in the country by National Aids Control Organisation (NACO), New Delhi .
- A **Home for HIV positive children** was started in the year 2010. Now there are 8 boys.
- **Awareness programmes**, out-reach extension services etc. for the HIV/AIDS patients and their families are being regularly conducted. Sahayathra and Sanchalana programmes were instant hits among students and public in general.
- **Charitable dispensary** has been functioning from July 2006 to provide free medical service to the poor people in the area.
- **Rehabilitation Programmes** at Tumkur. An extension centre at Tumkur has been opened for the training (Tailoring) of women patients with HIV/AIDS, which is doing well. More such women are on the waiting list for entry. This will be shortly shifted to own facilities under construction.

3. Trinity Charitable English High School, Marathahalli, Bangalore. Started in 1983, the Institution was the effort of a few dedicated Orthodox Christian members which was taken over by the mission board April 2007 and proper infrastructure was built to extend and actuate charitable services among the villages around. Already a number of poor children are given fee concessions and scholarships.

The present strength of the school is 550 with 100% pass in S.S.L.C every year for which special scholarship from the government and various awards by institutions for top students are given. The fee structure of the school is comparatively very low, to enable the poor villagers to get their children educated. Various Christian social service programs among the poor are envisaged by the Trinity Charitable Association which have to be expanded and supported.

4. Nallur Mission, (Hosur District, TN) Recently Mission Board has recieved a small plot of land at Nallur near Bangalore (Hosur Dist, Tamil Nadu) to start a day care centre for the children and the elderly in the nearby areas mainly for the benefit of the people working in the brick manufacturing units. This was donated by Mr. Neel Mathews & family.

Team work with strict sincerity of purpose and absolute devotion to God are the foundation of success in all our endeavors. Please part take and support us with your prayers and support.

For further details contact Secretary at phone 94483 71298



Rev. Fr. Jinesh K. Varkey, Secretary, St. Gregorios Dayabhavan, Kunigal receiving **BEST NGO AWARD-2012** of Tumkur Dist. (Karnataka) from District Commissioner.

Orthodox Christian Kidney Foundation

A Joint Venture of Bangalore Diocese and St Gregorios Dayabhavan



The proposal for a Kidney Foundation was put forward by Mr. Abraham Kalathil (Roy) and the Holy Episcopal Synod of Malankara Orthodox Church approved the proposal. At the function of Osthathios Thirumeni's 40 day remembrance, Mr. Roy explained with the help of a power-point presentation, the basics about Kidney ailments and the wider scope for managing and healing to lead a normal life with confidence building and advanced medical facilities available. H.G Dr. Abraham Mar Seraphim inaugurated the Project as a joint venture of the Diocese of Bangalore and St. Gregorios Dayabhavan as a tribute to the memory of H.G. Geevarghese Mar Osthathios to cherish His Grace's mission and vision of helping the needy.

The mission of the Kidney foundation includes:

- Awareness programmes to prevent/slow down the renal failures
- Help the Dialysis patients and their families
- Encourage kidney transplants

MALANKARA ORTHODOX CHURCH MISSION CENTERS AND INSTITUTIONS



Neyyattinkara
• St. Thomas Mission Center & Childrens Home

Thiruvananthapuram
- St. Thomas Karunya Guidance Centre
- Karunya Visranti Bhavan
- Sreekaryam Holy Cross Convent and the Home for Handicapped
- Mar Gregorios Rehabilitation Centre, Kodunganoor

Sasthamcotta • St. Thomas home for Children

Kotarakara
• Mar Baselios Mar Thomas Mathews II Sneha Bhavan • St.Macreena Shanti Convent
• BMM II Balabhavan

Thalavoor • Mar Baselios Shanti Bhavan

Ranni • Mar Baselios Gregorios Mercy Home, Perunthenaruvi

Alleppy (Vandanam) • Karunya Theeram Guidance Centre

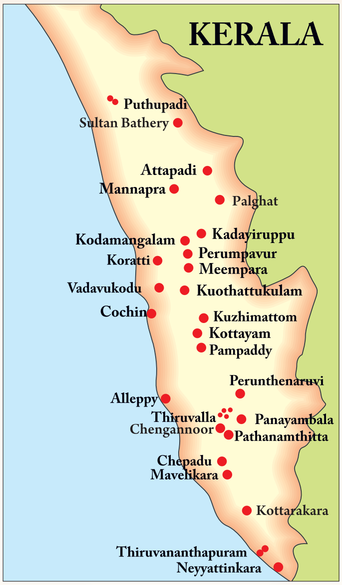
Cheppadu • Mar Dionysious Old Age Home

Chengannoor (Pandanadu) • Cancer Care Centre & Old Age Home

Harippadu • St. Thomas Mission Centre, Childrens Home, Coastal Mission

Mavelikara • St. Pauls Mission Training Center

Thiruvalla
- Bethanya Bhavan Old Age Home for Women
- Snehatheeram Centre for Mentally and Physically Handicapped



- Pratheeksha Counselling Centrea
- Baselios Jubilee Centre and Convention Hall

Panayampala
• MGDM Ashram and Childrens Home

Pathanamthitta • Prakash Dara

Karunagiri • M.G.D. Ashram & Bala Bhavan

Pampady • Mar Gregorios Bala Bhavan and M.G.M. Abhaya Bhavan

Kuzhimattom • Bethanya Home

Kizhakkambalam
- Bethlehem Balikamandiram,

Koratti • Hannah Vridha Mandiram

Vadavukodu • Mar Baselius Childrens Home

Valayam Chiragara • Balagram

Koothattukulam • Pratheeksha Bhavan

Kadayiruppu P.O. • Prasanthi • Prathyasa

Mannapra • Mar Baselios Childrens Home

Karnataka
Bangalore
• NAMS Snehasadan Children Home & Old Age Home
• Makkala Mane, Childrens Home
• Trinity Charitable English High School
Kunigal
• Boys Home for the Children of Aids Patients
• Treatment & Support Centre for PLHIV
Tumkur
•Extension and Rehabilitation Centre of Dayabhavan
Mysore
• Sneha Bhavan, Centre for the Mentally Challenged

Tamil Nadu
Nallur Mission • Day Care Centre, Hosur Dist.
Thandalam • St. Thomas Care Home, Chennai
Vellore • Snehabhavan
Coimbatore • Christu Sishya Ashram, Tadagam
Tirunelveli • Bethel Old Age Home & Convent
Karasseri • Mar Gregorios Bethel Karunya Centre

Andhra Pradesh
Yacharam • St. Gregorios Balagram Childrens Home for Leprosy Patients
• St. Gregorios Eye Hospital for the Poor
Yelur • Andhra Mission

Orissa
Kahandi • Kalhandi Development Project
Cuttack • Rebuilt 6 cyclone hit villages
Rourkela • Fr. C.K. Thomas Memorial Balagram

Maharashtra
Pune • St. George Balikagram Home for the Girl Children of Leprosy Patients
Nagpur • Prerana Nikethan Special School

Madhya Pradesh
Itarsi • St. Paul's Balagram Home for the Children of Leprosy Patients
Makkodia • Makkodia Mission

Chhattisgarh
Bhilai • St. Thomas Mission Center Bhilai

Gujarat
Gandhinagar • Rebuilt Village

Andmans and South Africa
(Starting Mission Centres Shortly)

Mulanthuruthy • St.Mary's Boys' Home
• Mar Gregorios Ashram & Boys Home
Basalel Girls Home,Sooranad

Palghat • St.Thomas Balabhavan, Agali

Mannarkkad • Mar Baselios Balikasadan

Sultan Bathery
• Gedsemon Convent & Balika Bhavan, Kuppadi
• St.Gregorios Special School, Kottakkunnu

Puthupadi
• St. Pauls Ashram and Boys home
• St. Pauls Covent and Girls Home

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